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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Monday December 30, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 24.

Since our laſt arrived 5 *Mails from Holland, and one from France.*

Hamburg, December 20.

THIS talked here, That ſeveral of the Miniſters of the Court of Hanover are out of Favour; but on what Account we do not hear.

Petersburg, November 29. Our Emperor has ſent a Declaration ſigned with his own Hand to the Senate, in which his Majeſty ſignifies it to be his Pleaſure, that all neceſſary Preparations be made for crowning his Conſort Empreſs at Moſcow, with the Ceremonies uſed by the ancient Greek Emperors; and that his Court held themſelves in Readineſs to ſet out for that Capital, as ſoon as ever the Snows render the Roads paſſable.

Hague, December 26. The Marquis de Monteleone Ambaſſador from Spain, ſet out from hence the 22d. Inſtant, on his Return to Madrid.

Paris, December 29. The King, at the Interceſſion of the Duke de Bourbon, has ſuppreſſed the Duty of 10 *per Cent.* which was paid for all Sums received out of the Royal Treaſure: His ſerene Highneſs has alſo procured a conſiderable Penſion to the Marquis de Palais, Lieutenant of the Guards du Corpſe, who ſome Time ago broke his Thigh, by a Fall from his Horſe when he was attending his Majeſty, who was going to ride out: This Generoſity of his Highneſs was ſo acceptable to the whole Corpſe, that all the Officers in a Body waited upon him, and returned him Thanks for it.

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Concluſion of the Act Primo Georgii, &c.

Provided, That in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo making Default, or Committing any Fraud in Regiſtring, as aforeſaid, after ſuch Default or Fraud committed, and before he, ſhe, or they, be thereof Convicted, or any Ejectment or Suit brought for ſuch Forfeited Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall, *bona fide*, for a Juſt and Valuable Conſideration, Convey over, Grant, Leave, or Incumber all or any ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments Omitted, or fraudulently Regiſtred, as aforeſaid, that then, and in ſuch caſe, the Perſon or Perſons ſo Purchaſing, or having ſuch Grant, Leaſe, or Incumbrance, as aforeſaid, not knowing, at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe or Incumbrance made, the ſaid Offender to be a Perſon within the Deſcription of this Act, ſhall not be Prejudiced, nor his, her, or their Eſtate, or Intereſt in the ſaid Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Impeached, for or by reaſon of ſuch Forfeiture, as aforeſaid; but in that caſe the ſaid Offender ſhall Forfeit the Value of the Inheritance of the ſaid Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, to be Diſtributed and Recovered in manner as aforeſaid.

Provided always, and be it hereby further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this preſent Act contained, ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to Compel any Perſon whatſoever to Regiſter, or procure to be Regiſtred, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, until he, or ſome other Perſon or Perſons, as Truſtee or Truſtees for him or his Benefit, or on his Behalf, is, are, have, or hath been, or ſhall be actually Seized, and have Notice thereof, or Poſſeſſed, or in the Receipt of the Rents or Profits of the ſame, for the Space of Six Months.

Provided, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend to Compel any Perſon or Perſons to Regiſter any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, whereof he, ſhe, or they ſhall be only Farmer or Farmers, or Tenants at a Rack-Rent, or who only do, or ſhall hold by Leaſe or Leaſes, whereupon Two Thirds of the full Yearly Value, or more, is, are, or ſhall be Reſerved.

Provided alſo, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to Defeat or Prejudice any Proteſtant, or other Creditor, who *bona fide* hath or ſhall have any Charge or Incumbrance upon any Real Eſtate or Eſtates hereby directed to be Regiſtred; but then in caſe of ſuch Charge or Incumbrance, the Perſon or Perſons ſo making Default, or committing any Fraud in Regiſtring, as aforeſaid, ſhall Forfeit the Value of ſuch Charge and Incumbrance, One third Part thereof to and among the Perſon and Perſons who ſhall, by Virtue of this Act, Sue for, and Recover the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments Forfeited, as aforeſaid, and Subject to ſuch Charge and Incumbrance, or any Part thereof, in Proportion to the Part ſo by him, her, or them Recovered, and Two third Parts thereof to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors.

Provided alſo, and be it further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons being in the *Eaſt* or *Weſt Indies*, or *America* ſhall be compelled to the ſaid Oaths, and Sign the Declaration before-mention'd, and Regiſter his, her, or their Eſtate or Eſtates, at the Time within mentioned, but ſhall have Twelve Months longer than the Times herein before reſpectively Allowed to Perſons beyond the Seas to take the ſaid Oaths, and Sign the ſaid Declaration, and Regiſter their Eſtate and Eſtates: Any thing herein to the contrary notwithſtanding.

FINIS.

Continuation of the Treaty we had in our laſt.

VI. A perpetual Friendſhip and good Underſtanding between the two Potentates and Dominons are herewith eſtabliſhed; by Virtue of which the Subjects on

on both Sides may freely, and without being moleſted, paſs and repaſs into each Dominion, to ſettle and trade there as they ſhall think fit: But if in time to come they ſhall have a mind to remove, they ſhall be at Liberty ſo to do without Impediment. and both their Majeſties will ſeverely puniſh the Tranſgreſſors of this Article.

His Czariſh Imperial Majeſty promiſes to take for his own Enemies all thoſe that are Enemies to the Perſian Empire, and to act againſt them for the Good and Intereſt of the ſaid Empire, and that he will look upon thoſe who are in Amity with Perſia as his own Friends; which the King of Perſia, on his Part, ſolemnly promiſes to obſerve likewiſe, with reſpect to his Czariſh Majeſty's Enemies and Friends.

In Confirmation of which, and all that has been above ſtipulated ſhall be inviolably kept and obſerved, I Iſmael Beeg, Plenipotentiary of the moſt illuſtrious King of Perſia, have ſigned this Treaty with my own Hand, in the Name and on the Part of the King my Maſter, by Virtue of the full Power given to me under his Great Seal, and ſubſcribed it with a Sign Manual, which I have confirmed upon Oath) and afterwards exchanged againſt a like Inſtrument ſealed with his Czariſh Majeſty's Great Seal, and ſigned by his Miniſters appointed for that Purpoſe. Done at St. Petersburg, the 12th of September, O. S. 1723.

Signed on the Part of his Czariſh Majeſty, by Count *Gabriel von Golofskin*, Great Chancellour of the Ruſſian Empire.
Baron *Andrew von Oſterman*, Privy Councellor.
Baſilius von Stephanof, Privy Councellor of the Chancery.

On the Part of the King of Perſia, by *Iſmael Beeg*, Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary.

From the Weekly Journal, Decem 21.

They write from Paris, that 'tis talked there that the Chancellor d'Agueſſeau, and ſeveral other Perſons who were baniſhed by the late Duke of Orleans, will ſpeedily be recalled to Court, and Things will then take a Turn according to the Plan of the late King's Will, at leaſt, till the young Monarch is arrived at a more mature Age.

The Duke of Chartres, by the King's Favour, is continued Duke of Orleans, with the Appanage belonging to the ſaid Dukedom: But if the King ſhould have Iſſue two Sons, the Title of *Duke of Orleans* muſt go to the 2d; in which Caſe, the preſent Family will be only Dukes of Chartres.

A Gentleman is ſent to Rome by the Duke de Biron, to carry to the Chevalier de St. George the Garter which did belong to the late Duke de Lauſſune, who upon his Death-bed requeſted the Duke de Biron to do ſo. This Nobleman was in his Youth bred up as a Companion to Lewis XIV. with whom he was in great Favour; and coming into England in the Reign of King James II. he was by that Prince Inveſted with the moſt Noble Order of the Garter.

The Marriage of the Count de Tholouſe, one of the Natural Sons of the late King, with the Marchioneſs Goudriu, Daughter-in-law to the Duke d'Antin, is now made public: The Marriage was Celebrated in February laſt by the Cardinal de Noailles, and 'tis likely, would have continued ſtill a Secret if the D. of Orleans had lived.

They write from Lisbon, that a Curate of a Pariſh-church in that City died lately there at 112 Years of Age; and that Don Joſeph Hogan, an Iriſhman, Major General of the King's Army, was alſo dead: He had ſerved formerly in France, after the Peace of Ryſewick going into Portugal, he was there, for his Merit, rais'd to the Poſt of Major General.

The Abbeſs de Chelles, Daughter of the late Duke of Orleans, is dangerouſly ill at her Nunnery.

From

From the Paris Gazette, Dec. 21, 1723.

On the 20th Inſtant, M. Denovin, firſt Preſident of the Parliament of Paris, and M. de la Moiquen de Blacmenil, Preſident a Mortier, having had the uſual Oaths of Office adminiſtred to them reſpectively, took their Seats in Parliament.

From the Flying Poſt.

Copenhagen, Nov. 29. Letters from Dantzick ſay, the Duke of Mecklenburgh will very ſhortly take a Journey into his own Country; and that he has lately received a conſidetable Remittance from the Czar. M. Erdman, the Czar's Commiſſary at Dantzick, has ſent a vaſt Quantity of Corn to Petersburg, and received Orders ſince to buy up 1000 Lafts more for the ſame Country. The Letters from Courland and Livonia ſay, That the Bailiwicks of thoſe Provinces are to furniſh the Czar with a Conſidertble Number of young Men at their own Charge; But that they find it difficult to raiſe them, becauſe almoſt all the young Fellows have abandoned the Villages, and are run away to the *Frontiers*.

Rome, Nov. 30. The 22d Inſtant being the Feſtival of St. Cecilia, the Princeſs Sobieski went to the Monaſtry of which, that Saint is Patroneſs, and after making merry with the Nuns, repaired to St. Charles's Chruch to hear the Performance of the Muſicians.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Petersburg, Nov. 4. We hear the Departure of the Court of Moſcow is fixed for the 16th of next Month. A ſtrong Weſt Wind cauſed a few Days ago ſuch an Inundation, as obliged the People moſt expoſed, to betake themſelves to the Tops of their Houſes to ſave their Lives; and all the Merchandizes in the Warehouſes were ſpoiled. Divers Methods have been propoſed to prevent thoſe Inundations, but they are not to be examined till after the Return of his Czarian Majeſty. 'Tis aſſured that the Czar has appointed Prince Mentzikoff to command 80000 Men in the Ukrain; and that his Czarian Majeſty will command his Army himſelf in Perſia; the greateſt Part whereof will not reach Aſtracan before the Month of March.

Cambray, Dec. 18. The Britiſh Miniſter had this Morning a Conference of half an Hour, with the Imperial Plenipotentiaries. 'Tis aſſured the Congreſs will be opened in Form, on the Return of an Expreſs ſent to Vienna.

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London, Dec.* 23, 1723.

Yeſterday arrived five Mails from Holland, by which we had the following Advices.

LEtters from Conſtantinople tell us, that a new Envoy arrived there the 29th of October laſt from Meriweys, and within two Days after his Arrival there, was admitted to Audience of the Grand Signior; which is look't upon as a very extraordinary Favour, by reaſon the Envoys of other Nations generally wait 14 Days before they can get Audience of the Sultan: Who ſtill continues to make vaſt Preparations of War; and from Petersburg, 'tis ſaid the like Preparations are carried on by the Ruſſian Monarch.

As to theſe Occurrences which moſt nearly concern us, namely, the Opening of the Cambray Congreſs, the Redreſſing of the Religious Grievances in the Empire, and the Accommodating the Affair of the Auſtrian Eaſt India Company, we have the following Accounts.

'Tis fear'd new Difficulties will ariſe, from two Pretenſions form'd by the King of Sardinia, of which one is, *The Title of King of Sicily*, which that Prince would retain, alledging that other Potentates keep the Titles which they have at any Time poſſeſſed. The other relates to *the Artillery that was left in Sicily*, and which his Sardinian Majeſty reclaims: But his Pretenſions, as Matters now ſtand, will have little Weight with other Potentates.

From Ratisbon, of the 16th Inſtant, we learn, that the King of Pruſſia has cauſed the Proteſtant Bodies to be informed with his Reſolution, not to reſtore the

the Revenues of the Convent of Hamerſlaben to the Roman Catholics, till the Elector Palatine reſtores to the Proteſtants their Eccleſiaſtical Revenues taken from them ſince the Treaty of Baden. This is but an indifferent Account, to be given of an Affair that has been ſo long depending; and how it will at laſt terminate, God only knows.

The Affair of the Oſtend Company affords likewiſe little Proſpect of an Accommodation; for the Emperor, as far as we underſtand, ſtill perſiſts in his Reſolution to protect and ſupport them.

On the other hand, Letters from Vienna confirm, that the French Miniſter at that Court has received the Orders he expected from the King his Maſter, to act in Concert with thoſe of Great Britain and Holland, in Matters relating to the afore-mentioned Company.

From Oſtend they write, that the three Veſſels deſign'd for the Eaſt Indies carry each 26 Guns.

According to Letters from the Hague, the King of Great Britain arrived the 24th Inſtant, N. S. at Helvoetſluys, whither the Lords Townſhend and Carteret went the ſame Day, to go over to England with His Majeſty.

S. S. Stock was Yeſterday, at the Shutting of the Books, 115 *per Cent.* but ſome are of opinion, that this Riſe proceeds not altogether from the good Poſture of Affairs Abroad, but from ſome Artifice of the Jobbers, to ſell out their Stocks to a great Profit, and employ themſelves till the Opening of the Books in S. S. Annuities, which, 'tis believed, will be brought up to 102 or 103 *per Cent.*

There's much Complaint of irregular Practices in the Elections, which began laſt Saturday, of Common-council-men of this City: However we're told, a Majority is choſen of Gentlemen that are ſtaunch Friends of the Church of England.

We have very diſmal Accounts, from private Letters by the aforeſaid Holland Mails, of the Loſs of Ships in the Baltick, the Sound, and on the Coaſt of Holland, in the late Storms.

A terrible Storm has happened at Havana, which blew down 1500 Houſes.

The S. S. Company received Yeſterday certain Advice of the ſafe Arrival of their Ship *The Royal Prince* at Vera Crux.

'Tis not doubted but the Commiſſioners of Enquiry into Charities will have a very good Effect; that of Ms. Brereton's, which we formerly mentioned, was laſt Saturday diſtributed according to her Will.

'Tis ſaid Serjeant Darnel will ſucceed Sir John Bennet, as Judge of the Marſhalſea Court.

The Honourable Edward Finch, Eſq; is appointed the King's Plenipotentiary at Ratisbon.

London, December 24. This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 114, 7 8ths. South Sea Annuity 100, 3 8ths. Bank 124, one Quarter. India 140. African 27, 3 Quarters. York Buildings 13.

Haddington 27th December 1723.

Beſt Wheat 7 l. 16 ſh.	2d Ditto 7 l. 14 ſh.	3d Ditto 7 l. 12 ſh.
Beſt Bear 8 l.	2d Ditto 7 l. 16 ſh.	3d Ditto 7 l. 12 ſh.
Beſt Oats 6 l. 6 ſh.	2d Ditto 6 l.	3d Ditto 5 l. 16 ſh.
Beſt Peaſe 7 l.	2d Ditto 6 l. 18 ſh.	3d Ditto 6 l. 14 ſh.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS it was formerly advertiſed, That the Lands and Barony of *Carnbee*, holding taxtward of the Crown, with a Tenement and ſix Acres of Land in *Overkellie*, holding Blench of the Earl of *Kellie*, all lying within the Shire of *Fife*, and of the yearly Rent formerly advertiſed, were to be expoſed to Sale by voluntary Roup

Roup, upon *Tueſday* the 7th of *January* 1724, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, within the Houſe of *John Steel* Vintner in *Edinburgh*. Theſe do notify, That the foreſaid Diet appointed for the Sale of the ſaid Lands, is adjourned to *Thurſday* the 16th of the ſaid Month of *January* 1724, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, and that they ſhall then peremptorly be expoſed in the Place formerly advertiſed without any further Continuation. The Progreſs, Rental and Conditions of Roup, being to be ſeen in the Hands of *William Forbes* Writer to the Signet, at his writing Chamber in the Parliament Cloſs of *Edinburgh*.

†*† On *Munday* the 20th *January*, 1724, betwixt three and four of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of *Patrick Herdman* Vintner in *Edinburgh*, Is to be expoſed to voluntary Roup and Sale, two Lodgings, the one in *Carrubber's* Stone-land oppoſite to *Forreſter's* Wynd Head in the *Landmercat*, *Edinburgh*; being the fourth Story, conſiſting of five Fire-rooms, Studies and other Conveniencies; the other in *Miln's* Court at the *Weighouſe* of *Edinburgh*, *Eaſt* Side of the Court fourth Story, conſiſting of four Fire-rooms, one Study, Garret and Cellar. The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Rights are to be ſeen in the Hands of *James Haliburton*, Writer in *Edinburgh*, at Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of *Dachmont's* Writing-chamber.

Dundee, December 19. 1723.

*** *Loſt yeſterday in the Evening, a black Shagareen Caſe lined with red Velvet, with a ſilver Hafted Knife, ſilver Fork, with four Prongs, and a Silver Spoon, upon each of them there is a Creſt of Arms, repreſenting a bended Arm in Armour, with a flaming Sword in Hand, iſſuing out of a Ducal Coronet; and in the Handle of the Knife there is a Place to hold a Nutmeg, a Cork Skrue, and a Silver Nutmeg Grater: Whoever will bring or ſend them to Mr.* Gentleman's *Vintner in* Dundee, *or to the Cryer there, or the Author of the* Caledonian Mercury, *ſhall receive a Guinea Reward, without farther Queſtions asked: Or if offered to be ſold or pawned, any one that receives them, and gives Notice, as above, ſhall receive the like Reward.*

†*† *Theſe are to advertiſe, That the annual general Meeting of the Friendly Contributers of* Edinburgh, *is to be held on* Monday *the* 13th. *of* January *next, at* 3 *a-Clock Afternoon, in* Mary's *Chapel; where all concerned are deſired to be preſent.*

*** *That upon the Sixth Day of* January *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſe *Head.*

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